# City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Monday, December 10, 2012 6:30-8:30 pm

Members Present: Kerry Smith, Jason Dick, Lynn Fleshman, Valerie Bays, Steve Daschle

Guest: Kellen Baker

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

<u>Public Comment:</u> There was no public comment.

November 27 Meeting Summary: Approved

## <u>Updates by Commissioners:</u>

As this was Kerry's last meeting, commissioners and staff thanked Kerry for her years of service, her dedication, input and ideas. Steve reported on this meeting with the Mayor and two commission candidates. The Mayor shared his desire for the city to be able to home in on homelessness and address in a more systemic way. He also noted that mental illness (30% of police call outs) and domestic violence are key issues that would benefit from prevention strategies. Commissioners would be interested to know how many are repeat callers and if there are clusters of calls from specific areas or buildings.

Kellen Baker, prospective Human Services Commissioner, introduced himself and shared a little bit about his background and experience.

## Staff Updates:

The One Night Count will be in the early hours of January 25. We still do not know if Camp Unity is confirmed for St. Jude's. Commissioners wonder if there might be a role for the City in possibly facilitating reconciliation between Tent City 4 and Camp Unity.

Old Business: none

New Business:

#### 2013 Officers

Lynn nominated Steve for Commission Chair and Jason for Vice Chair. They were approved unanimously and will serve through December 2013.

# **2013 Allocations**

Commission was asked to determine how to allocate an additional \$25,000/year that council awarded to the Human Services fund. Staff shared updated information, including the status of trying to finding an agency to provide homeless outreach services in Redmond. A proposal for a

half-time staff (with some supervisory capacity) has been submitted by Congregations for the Homeless. In addition, staff has recently been made aware of a program provided by Sound Mental Health's PATH program, which provides homeless outreach services county-wide with most of their efforts being in South King County. Staff reviewed applications, scores, and funding rationale to discuss next in line priorities. After much discussion and consideration of the Mayor's recent comments, the commission agreed to use the additional \$25,000 in funding approved by Council for Therapeutic Health Services' substance abuse services (\$22,000), add \$3,000 to homeless outreach (provider still to be determined), with a contingency in place for any additional funds (up to \$5,000) to go to Food Lifeline.

#### **2013 Work Planning**

Discussed the idea of focusing on schools as a key goal for next year. Using schools to engage families and linkages to services brings together many facets of the strategic plan. Overarching goal is to strengthen our partnership with the school system in order collaboratively provide an arena of resources and relationships for Redmond residents. This will pave the way to create the conditions that would allow for collective impact through the schools.

We may need to collaborate with other cities before going to the district. We will also want to learn about the Community Center for Educational Results' roadmap to success, Eastside Pathways, Seattle Family & Education Levy, Parent Child Home Visiting Program, and Play & Learn groups.

Staff will draft a specific work plan with tasks, resources needed, and time line.

#### **2013 Meeting Schedule**

Commission members agreed to start with one meeting per month on the second Monday of each month, and add more meeting if necessary based on the work plan.

## **Next Regular Meeting:**

Monday, January 14, 2012 6:30-8:30 pm Council Conference Room